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**OMAHA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MAIL FRAUD**

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg announced that William P. Bouda, 41, of Omaha, Nebraska, has pleaded guilty to a federal indictment charging him with mail fraud. Bouda was charged in April by a federal grand jury with attempting to execute a mail fraud scheme while working as a claims examiner for Zurich American Insurance Company.

The indictment alleges that Bouda made false entries in a claim file assigned to him at Zurich. The false entries were designed to justify the issuance of a check to a creditor of Maverick Concrete, an Omaha company for whom Bouda had previously served as legal counsel. Bouda, in fact, processed the paperwork for the issuance of the \$160,000.00 check and caused it to be sent to the Chicago law firm of the judgment creditor. Suspicious of the legitimacy of the check, a representative of the Chicago law firm contacted management officials at Zurich Insurance who then launched an investigation which revealed the fraudulent pretenses under which the check was issued. The check was never cashed.

The mail fraud statute under which Bouda is charged carries a maximum punishment of up to 20 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Bouda did not have a plea agreement with the government in this case. Judge Smith Camp has scheduled Bouda's sentencing for November 21, 2011.

This case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

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